

(DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) reported that 289 firearms issued to DHS officers were lost between fiscal years 2006 and 2008. While some reported losses were due to circumstances beyond the control of DHS officers, the majority of the losses occurred because firearms were not properly secured. The OIG identified that the lack of Department-wide firearm policy was a major reason why firearms were not secured.

In October 2017, the OIG reported that despite DHS's efforts following the 2010 report to establish enhanced controls and monitoring, personnel still did not properly safeguard firearms and other sensitive assets. Specifically, DHS reported that between fiscal years 2014 and 2016 the Department lost a total of 228 firearms, 1,889 badges, and 25 immigration stamps. The OIG reported that 57 percent of the reports of lost firearms and sensitive assets that it reviewed involved officers who did not properly safeguard their sensitive asset and 23 percent of the reports did not include sufficient detail to determine whether the office properly safeguarded the asset. The October report detailed ongoing problems within DHS that contribute to failures to safeguard firearms and sensitive assets, including insufficient tracking and recording mechanisms, insufficient guidance over badges, and poor oversight and enforcement policies.

The Securing Department of Homeland Security Firearms Act of 2017 ensures that the Department establishes effective safeguards and controls over firearms and other sensitive assets that are issued to DHS officers. This legislation requires the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to develop a Department-wide directive for achieving adequate security over firearms and other sensitive assets across the Department. The directive must include requirements for securing Department-issued firearms and other sensitive assets and reporting and recordkeeping requirements for lost firearms or sensitive assets. Moreover, this bill mandates that heads of DHS components provide personnel with training and guidance on how to adhere to safeguarding requirements and, in the event a firearm is lost or stolen, how to properly report the loss or theft.

RECOGNIZING RON GOLDSTEIN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a good friend and great educational leader in Eastern Connecticut, Mr. Ron Goldstein, who is stepping down after a long and distinguished career on the Board of Education in the town of Colchester, CT.

Mr. Goldstein is a local hero in Colchester. He was raised in the town, graduated from Colchester's Bacon Academy in 1985, attended Brandeis University and obtained his law degree from Harvard. In 1992, Mr. Goldstein returned to his native Colchester and made his home there. Shortly thereafter he was recruited to serve in town government by the former first selectwoman and my former district director, the late Jenny Contois. He began on the town's Charter Adoption Commission and spent the next 24 years serving

the town in various positions, including 16 years as a member of the Board of Finance and eight as the chairman of the Colchester Board of Education. He is a tireless champion of quality education and is deeply committed to his community. Mr. Goldstein is also on the Boards of the Colchester Library, the Collaborative for Colchester's Children, and the Colchester Community Theatre. He's even performed in several plays. Ron is a man of deep faith and active at his synagogue, Colchester Ahavath Achim.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me particular pleasure to praise Ron's record, because I am a Democrat and Ron is a Republican and yet we never once over the 12 years I have known him ever discussed town or national issues through the lens of party politics. His focus has always been what's best for Colchester and our nation. That, Mr. Speaker, is exactly the kind of public service our nation needs and his example is an inspiring one, particularly at a time when politics and government are facing a crisis of confidence in the public at large.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please rise to thank Ron for his years of dedication to the Colchester community. Although his leadership as chairman of the Board of Education will surely be missed, I am confident that his commitment to Colchester will continue in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAMP LEE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the 50th Anniversary of Camp Lee in Anniston, Alabama.

The original campsite was purchased in 1930 by the Choccolocco Council, Boy Scouts of America, and maintained as a boy scout camp from 1931 to 1965 as Camp Zinn. This site was selected by General R.E. Noble and C.H. Young, Sr. for the Choccolocco Council. General Henry Zinn, who died in 1924, willed \$10,000 for the purchase of the property.

As a result of the Boy Scouts' purchase of a new campsite in Dekalb County, Camp Zinn was for sale. On August 11, 1966, the Official Board of the First United Methodist Church accepted a gift of 1,000 shares of Phelps Dodge Corporation common stock from Mr. Arthur H. Lee, who the camp would later be named for.

At a September First United Methodist Church Anniston Quarterly Church Conference, a loan of \$65,000 was authorized to purchase Camp Zinn from the Boy Scouts. In February of 1967, a loan was secured with the stock that Mr. Lee had given the church. The loan was satisfied and the stock redeemed.

At the time of purchase, the camp consisted of just the dining hall and kitchen, Green Lodge, the Guest House and several old tent sites and out-houses. In addition to the original buildings, the main lake across from the dining hall and the one-acre lake in Village 2 were already at the camp.

Since the purchase, the cabins, pool, additional lodges and roads have been built. Several other properties have been added to the

camp since 1966 including Holly Springs Baptist Church property, the Kiker House and Lee Farm area. Camp Lee now consists of 382 acres.

Camp Lee provides a facility for those who seek Christ in an outdoor environment.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Camp Lee.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. RUBIE ELLA NIXON SCHUMPERT

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great South Carolinian and accomplished educator who will celebrate her 100th birthday on November 22nd.

Mrs. Rubie Ella Nixon Schumpert is the third of nine children born to Mr. Sumter Nixon and Mrs. Ella Bell Suber Nixon on November 22, 1917. She received her elementary education in South Carolina and Maryland, and her high school education at Harbison Institute in Irmo, South Carolina where she was class valedictorian.

She attended Barber-Scotia and Benedict colleges and obtained her Masters of Education degree from South Carolina State College. She did further studies at Wake Forest University and the University of South Carolina. Mrs. Schumpert earned certification in six areas of study: Elementary Education, Social Studies, English, Mathematics, French and Counseling.

Mrs. Schumpert began her professional career in Lexington County, South Carolina, where she served as an elementary and high school teacher, head teacher and elementary school principal. Later in her career, she worked in Richland County School District One at C.A. Johnson High School as a guidance counselor and was chair of the Math Department. While at C.A. Johnson, Mrs. Schumpert co-authored a mathematics textbook through a federal grant for non-college bound students through the University of South Carolina.

She recorded television lessons for the U.S. military to help young soldiers achieve success in algebra courses. She also served on Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) committees evaluating schools across the state of South Carolina. Upon retiring from the District One School System, Mrs. Schumpert worked at Benedict College as a professor of mathematics for ten years. She has long been active in the community serving on numerous professional and civic organizations.

Mrs. Schumpert was married to the late John Barton Schumpert, and they had two daughters, La Verne S. (Alphonso) Bassard and LaMaris S. Mack. She also has four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I began my professional career as a classroom teacher in the public schools of South Carolina, and I have always revered the profession of educator, especially those at the grade school level. I am honored to pay tribute to this great educator, Mrs. Rubie Ella Nixon Schumpert and ask that you and my colleagues join me in wishing her a happy 100th birthday.